

GOLDEN GATE HOTEL NOME, ALASKA

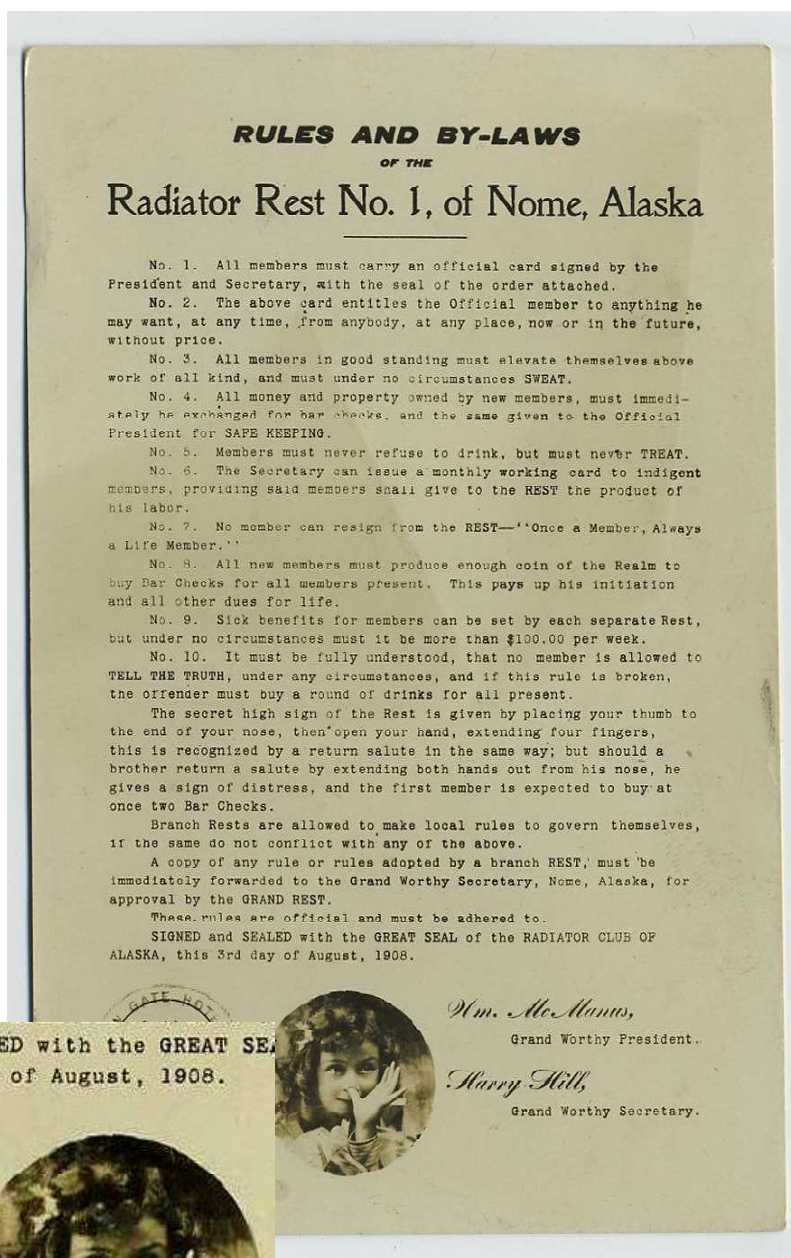
We show an interesting postcard below (compliments of Candy Waugaman), with "Rules and By-Laws" of the Radiator Rest No. 1, of Nome, Alaska. It is not unusual to see satirical rules for bars and clubs, but what makes this interesting is in the lower left corner of the card. Imprinted on the card is a "good for" token, good for 12½¢ in trade at the Golden Gate Hotel. It was embossed with the corporate seal of the Golden Gate Hotel Co., perhaps to validate it.

The printing is small, so get out your magnifying glass and look at item #4: "All money and property ... must immediately be exchanged for bar checks."

Bar checks are also mentioned in item #6, and in the last line of the paragraph beginning "The secret high sign.."

Speaking of the "high sign" it is depicted in the circle next to the imprint of the token.

So, the question is: Did the Golden Gate Hotel in Nome have a cardboard token? Was this postcard meant to act as a token.



A postcard showing the Golden Gate hotel can be seen on page 74. This postcard carries the seal of the Alaska Yukon Pacific Exposition on the back.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Alas, another year comes to an end. As is our custom, we would like to thank those who made this past year possible with their submission of information for the newsletter. In order of appearance, our thanks go to:

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Best wishes for a joyous holiday season and a prosperous new year.

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PRICES REALIZED

Selected prices realized from eBay:

Brooks , Livengood Inn, 25¢, B-2a	OB45.00NB
Cleary , Willis & Welch, 25¢, B-5a	99.00OB
Dalby , Notti, 25¢, B-1a	195.00OB
Dalby , Notti, \$1, B-1c	OB350.00NB
Dillingham , Bradford, 5¢, B-1a	RL95.00OB
Douglas , Hunter Hotel, 6¼¢, B-22a	OB395.00NB
Fairbanks , Meyer, 25¢, B-25a	95.00OB
Haines , Smith, 12½¢, B-12a	125.00OB
(Hot Springs) , Morrison, 6¼¢, B-unl.	64.02
Juneau , Juneau Billiards, 15¢, B-32a	195.00OB
Juneau , Kentucky Liquor, no denom. B-41a	295.00OB
Juneau , The Mecca, 6¼¢, B-50b	60.00OB
Juneau , The Mecca, 12½¢, B-50c	OB195.00NB
Katalla , Katalla Co. tool check, B-C6a	OB19.99NB
Katalla , Katalla Co. tool check, B-C6a	RL19.99OB
Katalla , Katalla Co. tool check, B-C6a	OB20.00NB
Ketchikan , Hotel Connell, 5¢, B-11a	RLOB199.00NB
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Kodiak , Nelson & Kroth, 12½¢, B-11a	95.00OB
Kukak Bay , Hemrich, 5¢, B-1a	150.00OB
Long , Willis, 25¢, B-2a	99.00OB
McCarthy , Priesner, 10¢, B-5bII	OB150.00NB
Nenana , Smoke House, 12½¢, B-7a	OB45.00NB
Nome , B of T, 12½¢, B-8g	OB150.00NB
Nome , The Bank, 12½¢, B-6a	195.00OB
Odiak , Storey, no denom., B-1a	OB499.00NB
Palmer , ARRC, 10¢, B-1c	66.00
Palmer , ARRC, 10¢, B-1c	61.00
Palmer , ARRC, 25¢, B-1d	113.63
Rose Inlet , S. AK Cannery, B-1e	199.00
Seward , Northern, 12½¢, B-8bII	32.99
Seward , Pioneer Club, 12½¢, B-10aI	OB95.00
Tenakee , Brunswick, 12½¢, B-1a	OB95.00NB
Valdez , CB Buffet, 12½¢, B-4b	21.71RNM
Valdez , CB Buffet, \$1, B-4cI	RLOB1308.00NB
Yakutat , Y&S RR, \$1, B-3d	135.87
Yakutat , Y&S RR, \$1, B-3d	OB150.00NB
Yes Bay , APF, \$1, B-3e	75.00OB
Alaska Gold , ¼ Pinch, 1901 round	535.00
Alaska Gold , ¼ Pinch, 1902 octagonal	356.51
Alaska Gold , ¼ Pinch, 1902 octagonal	861.00
Alaska Gold , ½ Pinch, 1900 octagonal	436.51
Alaska Gold , ½ Pinch, 1900 octagonal	611.00
Alaska Gold , ½ Pinch, 1899 round	725.00
Alaska Gold , 2 Too Wah	338.00
Alaska Gold , 2 Too Wah	429.78
A.Y.P.E. , ¼ DWT	149.00
A.Y.P.E. , ¼ DWT, NGC-64	OB795.00NB
A.Y.P.E. , ¼ DWT	224.72
A.Y.P.E. , ¼ DWT, NGC-62	329.00
A.Y.P.E. , ¼ DWT	143.50
A.Y.P.E. , ¼ DWT	167.77

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PRICES REALIZED - PRICES REALIZED, CONT.

Alaska Rare Coins NOV. 17 AUCTION

Lot		Price Realized
261	Anchorage Dairy, B-7a	18mb*
262	Anchorage token B-11bI	12
263	Chichagof Club, B-1 a and b	20
264	Cordova, Oscar Breedman B-5a	45
265	Elmendorf Civilian Club	20mb*
266	Fairbanks Pastime tokens	42
267	Juneau Imperial tokens	15
268	Juneau NY Exchange tokens	18
269	Murphy Dome tokens	30mb*
270	Nenana, Ghezzi, B-3aII	15
271	Seward, Northern, B-8bIII	35
272	Alaska ID chits	25
273	"Coal Dollar"	20
274	Anchorage Scrip, Bi-Lo	5mb*
275	AYPE medals	30
276	Alaska Boosters Bronze set	24
277	Alaska Boosters Patterns	75mb*
278	Anchorage Medals	20
279	Fairbanks Area Medals	14
280	Alaska Medals	14
281	Alaska Medals	15
282	Alaska Trade Dollars	30
283	Alaska Railroad 1985	20
284	Alaska Railroad 1994	30
285	Alaska Railroad 2001	40
286	UAF Silver Medals	58
287	Alaska Highway Medal	30
288	Off. Alaska fractional medals 1990	40
289	State of AK medal, 1992 proof	60
290	State of AK medal, 1993 proof	40
291	State of AK medal, 1/10 gold 1999	130mb*
292	Yellowknife, NWT trade dollars	25

mb = sold to mail bidder * = reduced bid

Total bid reductions on lots purchased by mail bidders was \$181 on only 6 lots! Mail bidder participation in the Alaska section of our auction was way down.



A.Y.P.E., ¼ DWT	111.38
A.Y.P.E., ½ DWT	358.00
A.Y.P.E., ½ DWT	213.61
A.Y.P.E., ½ DWT	152.50
A.Y.P.E., ½ DWT	255.55
A.Y.P.E., 1 DWT	315.00
A.Y.P.E., 1 DWT	OB325.00NB
A.Y.P.E., 1 DWT, NGC-63	549.00
A.Y.P.E. 3pc gold set, NGC	OB1,850.00NB
A.Y.P.E. 3pc gold set	809.00
AK Gold, 15 brass reproductions(5 sets of 3)	123.50
Greenland, Angmagssalik, 25 ore	405.00
Greenland, Angmagssalik, 100 ore	761.03
Greenland, Ivigtut, 10 ore	442.00
Greenland, Narssassuaq meal tokens	41.00

OB = Opening Bid NB = No Bid RL = relist

RNM = Reserve Not Met R = Reserve W = withdrawn

BIN = Buy it now DNS = Did Not Sell

COOL GEOCACHING COIN!!

There are way too many geocaching coins on eBay these days. Fortunately, I have not seen too many from Alaska. This one is worthy of note.



Geocachers have nicknames for themselves and their "clubs." Frozen Buns is appropriate, but also on the reverse is Hunny Buns, Frozen Fritters, Bear Claw and Sticky Buns. They seem to take on a pastry theme, but then, I guess it all ends up in the little house out back. I am partial to blues, and this is done in light blue, dark blue, a couple of shades of blue in between, brown and white.

ALASKA LIBERTY DOLLAR

To the left is an Alaska Liberty Dollar. Had not seen this before (or have I??). Seems that Norfed, the makers of the Liberty Dollars got raided by the Treasury and the IRS last week. The numismatic press is quite silent on this so far. We don't have a presidential primary in Alaska. I won't get a chance to vote for Ron Paul but would encourage you to do so.

FOR THE RECORD



(DOUGLAS): The Hunter, 12½¢. Maverick that may or may not be from Douglas. eBay PR \$16.45.



FLAT: Joe Parker, good for one drink or cigar. Aluminum, about 24mm. This is probably a mint sport. eBay PR \$45.44.



(HOT SPRINGS): Morrison, 6¼¢, 21mm, wm. Another denomination from this maverick issuer-PR64.02.



(JUNEAU): Heritage House Lounge, Rain Check. Silver on blue plastic, 41mm.



KETCHIKAN: Centennial, 1900-2000. One ounce silver with gold relief.



RED DOG: Thanks a Million! White, green, blue, light blue, red and black on 1 ounce silver.



SKAGWAY: Red Onion Saloon & Brothel, Where the ladies never miss a trick. Bronze. Listed as 1 7/8 inches, which is about 48mm. Seems large. Can anyone confirm?



SKAGWAY: Red Onion Saloon, Skagway's 1st Bordello, 1898. Multi colored chip, predominantly blue and flesh tones.



UNALASKA: Aleutian World War II Historic Area. The rest of the scan is too light to read. 1 oz. silver.

MILITARY CHALLENGE COINS



ALASKA: Arctic Medic, United States Army Medical Department. Red, white and blue on bronze.



ALASKA: America's Arctic Warriors, United States Army Alaska. Red, white and blue on oxidized silver colored metal, over 3½ inches in diameter.



ELMENDORF A.F.B.: First ??? Arrival, 11 June 2007, Spirit of Denali, Airlift from the Last Frontier. Red, white, blue, light blue on bronze. First Arrival refers to an airplane, but cannot be read in the scan.



ELMENDORF A.F.B.: 3 Operations Support Sqdn. Hunters of the North. Bronze.



ELMENDORF A.F.B.: 3rd Med Support Sq, With attitude. White, brown, green on oxidized silver colored metal.



EIELSON A.F.B.: 354th Medical Group, People First, Mission Always. Red, light blue, navy blue and yellow on bronze.



FT. RICHARDSON, FT. WAINWRIGHT & DONNELLY TRAINING AREA: Presented by the Commanding General, Soldiering is an Affair of the Heart. Red, white, yellow, and blue on oxidized silver colored metal.

Military Challenge Coins are usually about 38mm to 40mm. Some are larger, some smaller. All are shown in a size to fit our format. Not all sizes are reported.